GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2710
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the commodities included for monitoring of Wholesale Price Index and the year in which the commodities were last included in the index;

(b) whether there has been a liquidation in the Whole sale Price Index during the last few months;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the extent of decrease registered during each of the last six months till March, 2006; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the method of calculating of Wholesale Price Index?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : The list of items included in the commodity basket of the current series of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with base year 1993-94 is given in Annexure.

(b) to (d): The behaviour of Wholesale Price Index is as under:- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for `All Commodities` (Base:1993-94=100)

Months	WPI for All Commodities
October, 05	197.8
November, 05	198.2
December, 05	197.2
January, 06	196.3
February, 06	196.4
March, 06	196.8
April, 06	199.0
May, 06	201.3
June, 06	203.1
July, 06	204.0
August, 06	205.3
September, 06	206.7
October, 06	208.2

Note: The Wholesale Price Indices for the Months of September, 2006 and October, 2006 are provisional

(e) : The Government had set up a Working Group in December 2003 under the chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, to look into various issues relating to Wholesale Price Index (WPI), including method of compilation.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2710 FOR 11//12/2006

A LIST OF ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE COMMODITY BASKET OF THE CURRENT SERIES OF WPI (BASE: 1993-94-100)

COMMODITIES

ALL COMMODITIES

1. PRIMARY ARTICLES

(A) Food Articles
a. Food Grains(Cereals+Pulses)
a1. Cereals
a2 Pulses
b. Fruits & Vegetables
b1. Vegetables
b2. Fruit
c. Milk
d. Egg, Meat & Fish
e. Condiments & Spices
f. Other food articles

(B) Non-food Articles

a. Fibers
b. Oilseeds
c. Other Non-food Articles

(C) Minerals

a. Metallic Minerals
b. Other Minerals
II. FUEL, POWER, LIGHT & LUBRICANTS
A. Coal Mining
B. Mineral Oils
C. Electricity

III MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

(A) Food Products
a. Dairy Products
b. Canning, Preserving and Processing of Fish
c. Grain Mill Products
d. Bakery Products
e. Sugar, Khandsari & Gur
f. Manufacture of common Salt
g. Cocoa, Chocolate, Sugar & Confectionery
h. Edible Oils
i. Oil Cakes
j. Tea and Coffee Processing
k. Other Food Products n.e.c.

(B) Beverages, Tobacco & Tobacco Products
a. Wine Industries
b. Malt Liquor
c. Soft Drinks & Carbonated Water
d. Manufacture of Bidi, Cigarettes, Tobacco & Zarda

(C) Textiles
a. Cotton Textiles
a1. Cotton Yarn
a2. Cotton cloth (Mills)
b. Man Made Textiles
b1. Man Made Fibre
b2. Man Made Cloth
c. Woolen Textiles
d. Jute, Hemp & Mesta Textiles
e. other misc. Textiles

(D) Wood & Wood Products

(E) Paper & Paper Products
a. Paper & Pulp
b. Manufacture of Board
c. Printing & Publishing of Newspapers, Periodicals etc.

(F) Leather & Leather Products

(G) Rubber & Plastic Products
a. Tyres & Tubes
a1. Tyres
a2. Tubes
b. Plastic Products
c. Other Rubber & Plastic Products

(H) Chemical & Chemical Products
a. Basic Heavy Inorganic Chemicals
b. Basic Heavy Organic Chemicals
c. Fertilizers & Pesticides
c1. Fertilizers
c2. Pesticides
d. Paints, Varnishes & Lacquers
e. Dyestuffs & Indigo
f. Drugs & Medicines
g. Perfumes, Cosmetics, Toiletries etc.
h. Turpentine, Synthetic Resins, Plastic Materials etc.
i. Matches, Explosives & Other Chemicals n.e.c.

(I) Non-Metallic Mineral Products
a. Structural Clay Products
b. Glass, Earthenware, Chinaware, & Their Products
c. Cement
d. Cement, Slate & Graphite Products

(J) Basic Metals, Alloys & Metal Products
a. Basic Metals & Alloys
a1. Iron & Steel
a2. Foundries for Castings, Forgings and Structurals
a3. Pipes wires Drawings & Others
a4. Ferro Alloys
b. Non-Ferrous metals
b1. Aluminum
b2. Other Non-Ferrous Metals
c. Metal Products

(K) Machinery & Machine Tools
a. Non-Electrical Machinery & Parts
a1. Heavy Machinery & parts
a2. Industrial Machinery for Textile Etc.
a3. Refrigeration & Other Non-Electrical Machinery
b. Electrical Machinery
b1. Electrical Industrial Machinery
b2. Wires & Cables
b3. Dry & Wet Batteries
b4. Electrical Apparatus and Appliances

(L) Transport Equipment & Parts
a. Locomotives, Railways Wagons & Parts
b. Motor vehicles, Motorcycles, Scooters, Bicycles & parts